

### **Amendments to the Specification:**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b) kindly amend the specification as follows. Amendments to the specification are made by presenting replacement paragraphs or sections marked up to show changes made relative to the immediate prior version. The changes in any amended paragraph or section are being shown by strikethrough (for deleted matter) or underlined (for added matter).

On page 5, lines 12-13, please amend the paragraph to the following:

Fig. 2A through Fig. 2D ~~show~~ shows a pre-fabricated speed bump in contact with a driveway gutter in accordance with the invention.

On page 5, after line 14, please add the following paragraph:

Fig. 4 shows multiple speed bumps in a driveway gutter in an embodiment of the present invention.

On page 5, lines 20-23, please amend the paragraph to the following:

The Referring to Figure 1, the speed bump preferably is of the prefabricated type (11) that is commonly available. For example, rubber speed bumps are preferred because they are extremely durable; they will not rot, chip, or corrode and are UV-resistant. They typically are made from solid, rugged, recycled rubber tires and are built to withstand in excess of 2,500 psi of pressure.

On page 5, line 24 to page 6, line 2, please amend the paragraph to the following:

Referring now to Figure 2, a pre-fabricated speed bump (21) is shown in contact with a driveway gutter (22). The speed bump is placed in the driveway gutter, thereby smoothing the transition between the driveway (23) and the roadway (24). This improves driving by decreasing bumps and the inherent wear and tear on vehicles entering and exiting the driveway. The pre-fabricated speed bump is placed in the gutter optionally either right-side up (25) or up-side down (21), each having its advantages in particular circumstances, as will be apparent to one skilled in the art. For example, where the driveway gutter (22) is substantially similar in contour to the

speed bump, the pre-fabricated speed bump optionally is placed up-side down in the gutter, thereby leveling the driveway entry.

On page 6, lines 10-18, please amend the paragraph to the following:

~~The~~ Referring to Figure 3, the preferred prefabricated speed bumps (31) typically conform to the contour of the pavement, and optionally include built-in reflectors or are manufactured in a particular color, pattern or combination thereof to increase visibility. Optionally, the speed bumps (31) include one or more channels (32, 33) (*e.g.*, about 1-2" in diameter) that run along the bottom side to allow for cables, pipes, *etc.* The channels also allow water to drain through the speed bump, which is particularly advantageous when used as a gutter mat as it allows water to pass along the course or the gutter. Optionally, the ends of the channels are covered with a screen or other straining means to prevent debris from entering the channels and blocking the gutter course.

On page 6, line 32 to page 7, line 9, please amend the paragraph to the following:

The pre-fabricated speed bump is placed in the gutter optionally either right-side up or up-side down, each having its advantages in particular circumstances, as will be apparent to one skilled in the art. For example, where the driveway gutter is substantially similar in contour to the speed bump, the pre-fabricated speed bump optionally is placed up-side down in the gutter, thereby leveling the driveway entry. Surprisingly, however, when the speed bump is placed right-side up (25) in the gutter (26), as shown in Figure 2D, the speed bump provides a damping effect, flexing just enough when a vehicle rolls over it, thereby smoothing the ride over the gutter. ~~The~~ Referring to Figure 4, the speed bumps are used individually, or optionally multiple units (41) can be used to assemble a variety of configurations. In addition to the gutter (42) typically found at the end of a driveway (43), the speed bumps also can be used in gutters in other locations around the driveway, particularly wherever paving is desired.